

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet;

at least one decoration panel disposed on the front of said cabinet;

a display device including a mask panel having a plurality of display windows provided therethrough, the display device mounted on the front of said cabinet and adjacent the at least one decoration panel, the mask panel defining an imaginary plane;

a plurality of ~~rotary~~ rotary reels operative to rotate about a common axis of rotation and positioned in a juxtaposed manner inside the cabinet, each one of the plurality of rotary reels having a plurality of symbols disposed on respective outer peripheries thereof, forward most ones of the plurality of symbols being visible through respective ones of the display windows; and

at least one light source unit disposed inside of said cabinet and behind the at least one decoration panel, the at least one light source unit extending longitudinally along and about a longitudinal axis and including an elongated illuminating lamp and a-an elongated reflection plate positioned adjacent the illuminating lamp, the illuminating lamp and the reflection plate extending parallel to one another and to the common axis of rotation,

~~such that wherein~~ the at least one decoration panel is illuminated by light illuminating from the illuminating lamp and the forward most ones of the plurality of symbols are illuminated by the light illuminating from the illuminating lamp and by light illuminating from the illuminating lamp reflected from the reflection plate,

the at least one light source unit is disposed apart from the display windows and longitudinally contacts the imaginary plane, and

the illuminating lamp and the reflection plate are arranged so that the plurality of symbols are directly illuminated.

2. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein transparent liquid crystal device is provided in front of said plurality of rotatary reels:

3. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet;

a display device having a mask panel formed with a plurality of display windows extending therethrough, the display device provided on the front of the cabinet, the mask panel defining an imaginary plane;

a first decoration panel and a second decoration panel disposed apart from one another on the front of the cabinet with the display device positioned therebetween and extending parallel to the imaginary plane;

a plurality of rotatary reels operative to rotate about a common axis of rotation and positioned in a juxtaposed manner inside the cabinet, each one of the plurality of rotatary reels having a plurality of symbols disposed on respective outer peripheries thereof, forward most ones of the plurality of symbols being visible through respective ones of the plurality of display windows;

a first light source unit disposed inside of the cabinet and behind the first decoration panel, the first light source unit extending longitudinally along and about a first longitudinal axis and including a-an elongated first illuminating lamp and a-an elongated first reflection plate positioned adjacent the first illuminating lamp such that the first decoration panel is illuminated by light illuminating from the first illuminating lamp and the forward most ones of the plurality of symbols are illuminated by the light illuminating from the first illuminating lamp and by light illuminating from the first illuminating lamp reflected from the first reflection plate, the first longitudinal axis extending parallel to the common axis of rotation; and

a second light source unit disposed inside of the cabinet and behind the second decoration panel, the second light source unit extending longitudinally along and about a second longitudinal axis and including a-an elongated second illuminating lamp and a-an elongated second reflection plate positioned adjacent the

second illuminating lamp such that, the second longitudinal axis extending parallel to the first longitudinal axis and the common axis of rotation,

wherein the second decoration panel is illuminated by light illuminating from the second illuminating lamp and the forward most ones of the plurality of symbols are illuminated by the light illuminating from the second illuminating lamp and by light illuminating from the second illuminating lamp reflected from the second reflection plate,

the mask panel is disposed between the first light source unit and the second light source unit with the first light source unit being disposed apart from the display windows and longitudinally contacting the imaginary plane and with the second light source unit being disposed apart from the display windows and longitudinally contacting the imaginary plane, and

the first light source unit and the second light source unit are arranged so that the plurality of symbols are directly illuminated.

4. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet;

at least one decoration panel disposed on the front of the cabinet;

a display device including a mask panel formed with a plurality of display windows provided therethrough, the display device mounted on the front of said cabinet, the mask panel defining an imaginary plane;

a plurality of rotary reels, each of which has a plurality of symbols on an outer periphery thereof, said symbols being visible through the display windows, the plurality of rotary reels operative to rotate about a common axis of rotation and positioned in a juxtaposed manner inside the cabinet;

at least one light source unit for illuminating said at least one decoration panel from the inside of said cabinet, the at least one light source unit extending longitudinally along and about a first longitudinal axis, the first longitudinal axis extending parallel to the common axis of rotation; and

at least one reflection unit for guiding the light emitted from the at least one light source unit, the at least one reflection unit disposed adjacent the at least one light source unit, extending along and about a second longitudinal axis, the second longitudinal axis extending and parallel to the first longitudinal axis and the common axis of rotation,

wherein said at least one reflection unit is arranged to guide the light emitted from the at least one light source unit to illuminate said plurality of symbols provided on said rotary reels,

the at least one light source unit and the at least one reflection unit is disposed apart from the display windows with the at least one light source disposed between the at least one reflection unit and the display windows and the at least one light source unit and the at least one reflection unit longitudinally contact the imaginary plane, and

the at least one light source unit and the at least one reflection unit are arranged so that the plurality of symbols are directly illuminated.

5. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said at least one light source unit is disposed between said rotary reels and said at least one reflection unit.

6. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein a part of the light emitted from the at least one light source unit directly illuminates the reels and a part of the remaining light is reflected by the at least one reflection unit to illuminate the reels.

7. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the at least one light source unit further illuminates the reels, the at least one reflection unit is arranged at a position except for between the at least one light source unit and the at least one decoration panel, and where the at least one reflection unit does not block the light directly illuminated from the at least one light

source unit to the at least one decoration panel and where the at least one reflection unit indirectly guides the light not directly illuminated to the reels.